

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

THE HONORABLE MARK TAKAI

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Mr. Speaker, as Chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, I rise today to honor our colleague and friend, the Honorable Kyle Mark Takai of Hawaii, who passed away on July 20, 2016 at the age of 49 after a hard fought battle with pancreatic cancer.

Mark was a true patriot, public servant, and friend who truly had the "aloha spirit." From a young age, Mark's parents instilled in him a love of service and giving back to his community. This strong commitment to improving the lives of the people of Hawaii and all Americans was integrally woven into the fabric of his distinguished military and public service career.

A graduate of the University of Hawaii, Mark was elected to the Hawaii State House of Representatives in 1994 at the age of 27 to represent his home district of Pearl City, Hawaii. He served for two decades before being elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2014. Throughout his tenure in the Hawaii State legislature, he was a strong champion for the military and our veterans, a cause he continued to champion in the U.S. Congress as a member of the House Armed Services Committee. As a proud member of the Hawaii Army National Guard who was deployed to the Middle East in 2009 as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Mark understood firsthand the sacrifice that our military men and women make every day to protect our freedoms and never stopped fighting for them.

As a member of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC) in Congress, his vision and contributions helped to improve the lives of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders all across this country. This included notable efforts to reunite Filipino World War II veterans with their loved ones, secure treatment for atomic veterans suffering from service-related radiation exposure, and to commemorate the patriotism of Japanese Americans during World War II.

Mark was also a strong proponent for cancer research. In fact, I will never forget the tears in his eyes when he first learned about Vice President JOE BIDEN's Cancer Moonshot initiative and the warm embrace they shared at the House Democratic Retreat. It gave Mark and millions of Americans hope that we will finally find a cure for cancer. In his memory, we will continue hoping and fighting until this becomes a reality.

We in CAPAC value the privilege we had to work with Mark in Congress, and will never forget his warmth, kindness, and strong dedication to bettering our community and our country. On behalf of the 50 Members of CAPAC, I thank Mark for his lifetime of leadership and service. I also thank his wife, Sami,

their children, Matthew and Kaila, and his parents, Erik and Naomi, for sharing Mark with us and the people of Hawaii.

The Asian American and Pacific Islander community has lost one of its great leaders, but his legacy will continue to live on through the lives he touched and the individuals he will continue to inspire for generations to come.

HONORING WILLIAM M. HALKE OF PENNSYLVANIA

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, today I honor my constituent, Major William M. Halke, on his retirement upon more than 40 years of military and civilian service with the United States Army.

Major Halke was a Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) scholarship recipient and attended the University of Maine. He completed his M.S. degree in Logistics Systems Management from the University of Southern California's Viterbi School of Engineering via the GI Bill. He served more than 9 years in active military service, deployed to South Korea and Fort Lewis, Washington. Major Halke now retires after many years of civilian service with the United States Army Test and Evaluation Command.

Major Halke's tireless dedication, professionalism and sacrifice touched the lives of countless people and challenged all with whom he served to be the best. His legacy of service to our Nation is admirable and sets the standard for all to follow.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District, with great pride I commend and congratulate Major William M. Halke upon his retirement after 40 years of selfless service to the United States of America.

UNITED STATES FINANCIAL SYSTEM PROTECTION ACT OF 2016

SPEECH OF

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I strongly oppose the Financial Services Protection Act of 2016 (H.R. 4992). Unfortunately, I could not be in DC to vote against the bill as I was home in Minneapolis for the funeral of Philando Castile.

This bill undercuts the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), also known as the Iran nuclear deal, by disrupting permissible financial transactions between Iran and the rest of the international community that occur completely outside the U.S. financial system. The Financial Services Protection Act of 2016 ac-

complishes this by reapplying secondary sanctions barring Iranian access to U.S. dollars in all situations, even in exchanges that do not involve a U.S. bank or pass through the U.S. financial system. This provision effectively subjects non-U.S. banks to the restrictions imposed on U.S. banks regarding dollar-denominated transactions with Iran.

This particular sanction barring all Iranian access to the U.S. dollar was lifted on the JCPOA's Implementation Day in return for Iran taking significant steps to meet its nuclear-related commitments, as verified by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). If this sanction were to be re-imposed, it would make Iran's reintegration into the global financial system incredibly difficult and likely negate much of the relief promised by the JCPOA.

In the Financial Services Protection Act of 2016 becomes law, our partners and Iran would both have reason to question our commitment to the nuclear deal, and Iran would likely seriously question the continued benefits of compliance with the nuclear deal. Therefore, the provisions contained within this bill could open a path for Iran to restart its nuclear program. This would put the nuclear deal at risk, undermine our national security interests, and significantly damage U.S. credibility and leadership abroad.

The JCPOA is a historic diplomatic achievement. It has not only constrained Iran's nuclear program and led to the dismantlement of key components of the program, but also subjected the program to unprecedented verification and monitoring requirements.

Simply put, the JCPOA ensures that Iran's nuclear program is and continues to be peaceful. As long as Iran continues to meet its commitments, we too must keep our commitments. Thus I oppose this bill.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. SEBASTIAN SILVEIRA

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Mr. Sebastian Silveira for his service to my office and California's Central Valley.

Mr. Silveira was born on September 23, 1990 in Hanford, California to David and Mary Lou Silveira. After attending St. Rose McCarthy Catholic School in Hanford, California, Mr. Silveira went on to receive his Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture Business with a minor in Water Law and Policy from California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, California.

As a young adult, Mr. Silveira first showed an interest in public service as an intern for Congressman DEVIN NUNES where he worked diligently and earned the respect of many of his peers. After working for Congressman NUNES, Mr. Silveira was hired in January of 2014 as a Field Representative in my Hanford,

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